

April 20, 1939.

Mr. Hank Rigney,
320 S. Detroit Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have received word from Mr. Cumberland Posey of Pittsburgh, Pa. that Toledo has applied for a franchise of the Negro National League, in fact, they have proceeded to organize a baseball team with Mr. Posey's assurance the League was in favor of the same.

I have expected each day for the last two days to receive in the mail the money for the franchise. I have received communications from other teams, asking if the money had been received. You must realize until it is, we are all a little up in the air wondering how serious your intentions are. Mr. Posey's most recent communication said you had delayed sending the check because you were not definitely sure of having first choice on all Crawford players. I am quite sure there will be no doubt at all about you receiving the players along with the franchise, I cannot see why there should be any question in your mind. I have just written Mr. Oscar Charleston and told him of the whereabouts of one player, Catcher Bassett, whom I understood you were having difficulty contacting.

I believe when your franchise fee is received we will all feel more like assisting in rounding up players and getting you started. Please send it without further delay, as time is drawing near for the opening.

Will look forward to meeting you in Phila on the 25th.

Yours very truly,

EM:CCJ